



May 28, 2019

Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141; Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers; Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment; Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 17-144; Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, WC Docket No. 16-143; Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On May 23, 2019, Karen Reidy of INCOMPAS; R. Matthew Kohly of Socket Telecom, LLC; and Henry Shi and the undersigned, as counsel to INCOMPAS; met with Kris Monteith, Terri Natoli, Pam Arluk, Edward Krachmer, Claudia Pabo, and Gregory Capobianco of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and with Eric Ralph of the Office of Economics and Analytics. Jeff Buckingham of Digital West, Carson Coffman of Socket Telecom LLC, Joe Morris of First Communications, Doug Denney of Allstream, and Michele Berlove and Megan Capasso of the Wireline Competition Bureau participated by telephone conference. We discussed the importance of unbundled transport circuits to competitive providers' build-out of their own fiber networks, and the benefits of competition to business and residential customers in unserved and underserved areas that unbundled transport enables, each as further discussed in INCOMPAS's prior filings in the above-referenced dockets and on pages 11–17 and 31–32 of INCOMPAS's reply comments filed today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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